

II. Claims 2-3, 7, and 14-15, drawn to a method or preparing alkyl diphenyl oxide sulfonic acid blends by different method than Group I and a method of preparation of a surfactant, classified in class 568, subclass 34.

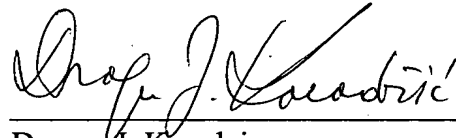
III. Claims 9-10, drawn to an alkyl diphenyl oxide blend, classified in class 568, subclass 631.

IV. Claims 8, and 11-13, drawn to an alkyl diphenyl oxide sulfonic acid blend, classified in class 568, subclass 35.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention denominated as Group I (Claims 1, 4-6, and 16) in this application without prejudice to filing a divisional application on a non-elected inventions denominated as Group II (Claims 2-3, 7, and 14-15), Group III (Claims 9-10), and Group IV (Claims 8, and 11-13).

Applicants respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowance on the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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